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February 8, 2006

Chris Kroll
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Kroll:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration project undertaken by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the California State Parks Foundation and the City of Los Angeles.

The Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration project will help to complete the vision of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park by restoring 4.4 acres of the park into the riparian wetlands that existed in the Los Angeles watershed prior to the industrialization of this area. Located in a densely populated urban area within my congressional district, the Rio de Los Angeles State Park is one of the few open spaces left in Los Angeles and will create a refuge not only for native plants and wildlife, but also for the children and families of Los Angeles. Restored wetlands at the Rio de Los Angeles State Park will provide visitors with a unique educational experience on the importance of stewardship of the land.

This innovative ecologically cutting edge project will be a model for future wetland restorations of the Los Angeles watershed and will greatly benefit the inner city communities of Los Angeles. As such, I respectfully request that you consider this worthwhile proposal. Thank you for your attention to this matter and its expeditious review. If you have any questions please contact Astrid Garcia of my office at (213) 483-1425.

Sincerely,


XAVIER BECERRA
Member of Congress

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March 6, 2006

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing in support of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration project, which is being undertaken by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the California State Parks Foundation and the City of Los Angeles. The Foundation's application for Coastal Conservancy funds is an important step to realizing the vision of creating a fully realized wetlands restoration in the heart of the city. The funds requested will be used to hire a wetlands restoration specialist who will collect native seeds and plant stock from the LA River watershed, propagate and plant the wetlands area. Working together with the contractor and project manager, this specialist will ensure that the wetlands are restored in accordance with the appropriate native plants in patterns that will replicate historic plant communities of the Los Angeles River Watershed. In fact, this innovative and ecologically cutting-edge project will be the first of its kind to be completed in the Los Angeles area, and a model for future wetland restorations with the watershed.

The Wetlands Restoration will provide a refuge for wildlife, native plants, and citizens alike, provide the public with an opportunity to view wildlife – particularly migratory birds - and is an integral part of creating a world-class park. It is located on the side of the park closest to the Los Angeles River, and will be surrounded by a buffer zone that will provide protection for the fragile ecosystem created in the Restoration area, as well as an opportunity for those who are visiting the park for active recreation to relax, cool down, picnic and enjoy the shade of native trees. The Wetlands Restoration area itself will be 4-1/2 acres of restored riparian wetland that will provide a self sustaining habitat for use by indigenous and migratory wildlife including amphibians and aquatic invertebrates. It will be planted using native plants and trees such as willows, cottonwood and sycamores. The riparian woodland will act as continuous habitat from the wetland, through the woodland and into the transitional upland habitat of coastal sage scrub and grasslands. Interpretive signage along meandering trails will provide visitors with a strong sense of place, and educate them on the importance of stewardship of the land. Students, soccer players, families and visitors alike will all benefit from this unique project.

I strongly endorse the Wetlands Restoration, and I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board to grant the request by the California State Parks Foundation to support this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jack Scott".

JACK SCOTT
21st Senate District

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December 21, 2005

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing in support of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration project, which is being undertaken by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the California State Parks Foundation and the City of Los Angeles. The Foundation's application for Coastal Conservancy funds is an important step to realizing the vision of creating a fully realized wetlands restoration in the heart of the city. The funds requested will be used to hire a wetlands restoration specialist who will collect native seeds and plant stock from the LA River watershed, propagate and plant the wetlands area. Working together with the contractor and project manager, this specialist will ensure that the wetlands are restored in accordance with the appropriate native plants in patterns that will replicate historic plant communities of the Los Angeles River Watershed. In fact, this innovative and ecologically cutting-edge project will be the first of its kind to be completed in the Los Angeles area, and a model for future wetland restorations with the watershed.

The Wetlands Restoration will provide a refuge for wildlife, native plants, and citizens alike, provide the public with an opportunity to view wildlife – particularly migratory birds - and is an integral part of creating a world-class park. It is located on the side of the park closest to the Los Angeles River, and will be surrounded by a buffer zone that will provide protection for the fragile ecosystem created in the Restoration area, as well as an opportunity for those who are visiting the park for active recreation to relax, cool down, picnic and enjoy the shade of native trees. The Wetlands Restoration area itself will be 4-1/2 acres of restored riparian wetland that will provide a self sustaining habitat for use by indigenous and migratory wildlife including amphibians and aquatic invertebrates. It will be planted using native plants and trees such as willows, cottonwood and sycamores. The riparian woodland will act as continuous habitat from the wetland, through the woodland and into the transitional upland habitat of coastal sage scrub and grasslands. Interpretive signage along meandering trails will provide

visitors with a strong sense of place, and educate them on the importance of stewardship of the land. Students, soccer players, families and visitors alike will all benefit from this unique project.

I strongly endorse the Wetlands Restoration, and I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board to grant the request by the California State Parks Foundation to support this important project. The severe lack of open space and tranquil refuge from the pressures of everyday life in this densely populated area of Los Angeles has caused citizens to rally in support of this park; the partners in bringing their vision to life want to ensure that visitors understand and appreciate the unique environment of the park and the wetlands, so that they may enjoy it to the fullest extent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jackie Goldberg", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Jackie Goldberg
Assemblymember, 45th District

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April 13, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair, and Commissioners
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: April 27, 2006 meeting
Agenda Item #6 – SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Bosco and Commissioners:

This is to express my support for the disbursement of up to \$150,000 to the California State Parks Foundation toward a wetland creation project at the Rio de Los Angeles State Park. The development of this new park is an exciting undertaking, and I encourage your favorable action.

Thank you.

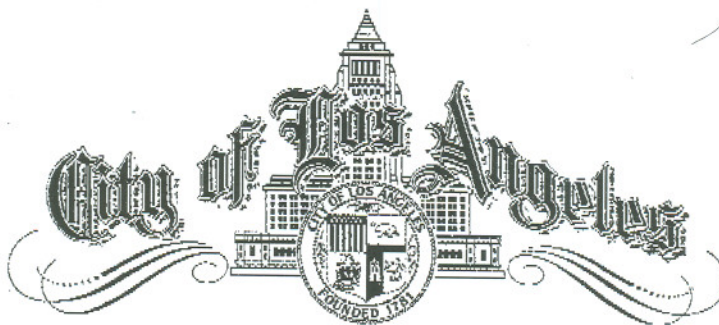
Sincerely,



FRAN PAVLEY,
Assemblymember, 41st District

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ED P. REYES
Councilmember, First District

February 15, 2006

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

As Councilmember representing the First Council District of Los Angeles, I am writing in support of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration project currently being undertaken by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation in partnership with the California State Parks Foundation and the City of Los Angeles.

The Foundation's application for Coastal Conservancy funds is an important step toward realizing the vision of creating a fully realized wetlands restoration in the heart of the city. The funds requested will be used to hire a wetlands restoration specialist who will collect native seeds and plant stock from the LA River watershed as well as propagate and plant the wetlands area. Working together with the contractor and project manager, this specialist will ensure that the wetlands are restored in accordance with the appropriate native plants in patterns that will replicate historic plant communities of the Los Angeles River Watershed. In fact, this innovative and ecologically cutting-edge project will be the first of its kind to be completed in the Los Angeles area, and a model for future wetland restorations with the watershed.

The Wetlands Restoration will provide a refuge for wildlife, native plants, and citizens alike as well as provide the public with an opportunity to view wildlife – particularly migratory birds – and is an integral part of creating a world-class park at Taylor Yard. It is located on the side of the park closest to the Los Angeles River, and will be surrounded by a buffer zone that will provide protection for the fragile ecosystem created in the Restoration area, as well as an opportunity for those who are visiting the park for active recreation to relax, cool down, picnic and enjoy the shade of native trees.

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The Wetlands Restoration area itself will be 4-1/2 acres of restored riparian wetland that will provide a self-sustaining habitat for use by indigenous and migratory wildlife including amphibians and aquatic invertebrates. It will be planted using native plants and trees such as willows, cottonwood and sycamores. The riparian woodland will act as continuous habitat from the wetland, through the woodland, and into the transitional upland habitat of coastal sage scrub and grasslands. Interpretive signage along meandering trails will provide visitors with a strong sense of place, and educate them on the importance of stewardship of the land. Students, families and visitors alike will all benefit from this unique project.

The severe lack of open space and tranquil refuge from the pressures of everyday life in this densely populated area of Los Angeles has caused citizens to rally in support of this park. The partners in bringing their vision to life want to ensure that visitors understand and appreciate the unique environment of the park and the wetlands, so that they may enjoy it to the fullest extent. I strongly endorse the Wetlands Restoration and I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board to grant the request by the California State Parks Foundation to support this important project.

Sincerely,



ED P. REYES
Councilmember, First District

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February 17, 2006

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I am writing in support of the Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration project, which is being undertaken by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the California State Parks Foundation and the City of Los Angeles. This ecologically sound project will be the first of its kind to be completed in the Los Angeles area, and should serve as a model for future wetland restorations with the watershed.

The funds will support a wetlands restoration specialist who will collect locally indigenous seed and plant stock, propagate and plant the wetlands area. Working together with the contractor and project manager, this specialist will ensure that the wetlands are restored in accordance with the appropriate native plants in patterns that will replicate historic plant communities of the Los Angeles River Watershed.

The Wetlands Restoration area will encompass a 4-1/2 acres site in the area of the park closest to the Los Angeles River. A transitional buffer of riparian woodland, coastal sage scrub and grasslands will surround the wetland itself. The project will result in a self-sustaining habitat for indigenous and migratory wildlife, including amphibians and aquatic invertebrates. Interpretive signage along meandering trails will provide visitors with a strong sense of place, and educate them on the importance of stewardship of the land. All park visitors will benefit from this unique project.

I strongly endorse the Wetlands Restoration, and I urge the Coastal Conservancy Board to grant the request by the California State Parks Foundation to support this project. The Coastal Conservancy has a long and important history of involvement at this site. This project will provide a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate how the Conservancy's mission is vital and relevant to the urban core.

Sincerely,

Melanie Winter
Director

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December 14, 2005

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
California Coastal Conservancy
11th Floor, 1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

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I am writing in support of the **Rio de Los Angeles State Park Wetlands Restoration project**, which is being undertaken by the **California State Department of Parks and Recreation**, in partnership with the **California State Parks Foundation and the City of Los Angeles**.

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Sincerely,


Shelly Backlar
Executive Director

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